

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in
4 the history of organizations of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Calvary
6 Baptist Church in Glenwood, Illinois is celebrating its 21st
7 anniversary this year; and

8 WHEREAS, In January of 1980, the Reverend Carl K. Manson
9 set out to organize the Calvary Baptist Church as a gathering
10 place for him to minister to the needs to the residents of
11 Glenwood; and

12 WHEREAS, The organizational service was held on November
13 29, 1980, in which the Reverend Manson was ordained as the
14 first pastor of Calvary Baptist Church by the Reverend J.C.
15 Smith of Bethlehem Temple Baptist Church in Harvey, Illinois;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The first worship service of Calvary Baptist
18 Church was held on January 4, 1981; there were approximately
19 175 people in attendance and thirteen people united with the
20 church on that day; and

21 WHEREAS, The first Baptismal Service was held at
22 Progressive Baptist Church in Ford Heights, formerly of East
23 Chicago Heights, Illinois; at this service Calvary Baptist
24 Church baptized 29 candidates at a moving and spirit filled
25 service; in addition, Calvary Baptist Church baptized
26 candidates at St. Bethel Baptist Church of Chicago Heights
27 and New Covenant Baptist Church in Phoenix, Illinois; and

28 WHEREAS, For the past 21 years, Calvary Baptist Church
29 has been blessed with many talented and dedicated members
30 working diligently toward the building of an active church;
31 many of the members serve in organizations and auxiliaries

1 such as Sunday School, New Members Class, Youth and Adult
2 Usher Board, the Mission, the Calvary Choral Emsemble, the
3 Youth Foundation, the Mother's Board, the Calvary Children's
4 Choir, the Welcoming Committee, Bible Class, the Male Chorus,
5 the Finance Committee, Pastor's Aide, the Deacon Board, the
6 Trustee Board, the Church Planning Committee, and the Church
7 Fundraising Committee; and

8 WHEREAS, Calvary Baptist Church also has several annual
9 activities such as the Annual Vacation Bible School, the
10 Annual Family Month in March, the Annual Church Picnic, the
11 Annual Distribution of Thanksgiving and Christmas Food
12 Baskets, and periodic distribution of clothing; and

13 WHEREAS, Calvary Baptist Church's first worship service
14 was held in Hickory Bend School in Glenwood, Illinois; during
15 the past decade, Calvary Baptist Church has gone through a
16 restructuring of the church's governing body by the
17 establishment of a Trustee Board and the Deacon Board; in
18 addition, the Reverend David Bigsby was ordained on May 2,
19 1993 and installed as the Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church on
20 August 7, 1994; the Reverend Jeanette Gholston and the
21 Reverend Gregory Hall currently serve as Associate Ministers;
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
25 we congratulate Calvary Baptist Church on the celebration of
26 its 21st anniversary of service and ministry to the residents
27 of Glenwood, Illinois; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
29 presented to the Reverend David Bigsby, the pastor of Calvary
30 Baptist Church, as an expression of our esteem.